

ABSTRACT

A computer inputting device consists of a key, keys, a plural-directional plural-value pivotable key-inputting surrounding or surroundings, key-arrangement inputting surrounding or surroundings or a combination thereof, which due to their structure or placement form an inputting key-surround module or inputting key-surround modules. Each key or key-surrounding, though it may not necessarily surround, be circular in shape nor be concentric with respect to its "central" key, keys or key-surrounds, has a plurality of inputting key actuating constructs beneath. Such key-surround module or modules, respective components or a combination thereof may be stationary, displaced, rotated or a combination thereof, separately or in units, with an underlying support or a system of supports. The user is able to input conventional inputting values with more inputting space efficiency, greater accuracy, less requirement for exacting inputting movements than with that of a conventional inputting device, complete tactile familiarity, the availability of more key values than with conventional inputting devices, the availability of larger and conveniently shaped keys for ease of inputting with other keys, an increased awareness of the location of key values, a similar key resistance-feel as with that of conventional inputting devices, and with the ability to displace key value components while maintaining conventional Qwerty inputting device finger-to-key relationships.

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